

SOUTH KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH & SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1940.
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To the Chairman and Members of the
South Kesteven Rural District Council.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report for 1940.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area 95,061 acres.
Population (1939 figures) 13,600
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1940) 3909
Rateable Value £38,561. Sum represented by a
penny rate £153.

Vital Statistics (not corrected by the Registrar General)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	93	96	189
Deaths	78	80	158

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Measles)
Whooping Cough) Nil.
Diarrhoea)

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The Health Services for the Area remain the same.

A new Ambulance for the district is very badly
needed.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(1) Water. The only villages now remaining without a
properly piped supply are :-

Edenham and Grimsthorpe.
Careby, Aunby and Holywell, and Carlby.
Toft, Lound and Manthorpe, and Witham-on-the-Hill.

Otherwise no change.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

See the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	37	23	-
Erysipelas.	10	1	-
Diphtheria.	30	30	-
Anterior Poliomyelitis.	1	-	-
Measles.	27	-	-
Whooping Cough.	4	-	-

German Measles abounded in the Schools.

Scarlet Fever.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>
Corby.	7
Castle Bytham.	4
Billingham & Horbling.	9
Aslackby and Folkingham.	9

Diphtheria.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>
Billingham & Horbling.	6
Rippingale and Dunsby.	9
Paston.	9

Cancer.

Deaths - 8 Males, 13 Females.

Sites (in order of frequency) - Stomach, Bladder, Rectum, Colon, Breast, Liver.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases :-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Ages.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Ages.</u>
Pulmonary.	3	23, 37, 61.	5	10, 16, 24, 31, 44.
Non-Pulmonary.	3	2, 16, 29.	-	-

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.A.GALLETLY.

Medical Officer of Health.

SOUTH KESTEVEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
41, North Street,
BOURNE, Lincs.

2nd June, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of
the South Kesteven Rural District
Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my report for 1939, which must, necessarily, be brief owing to the shortage of paper.

Although the duties of my office have increased considerably since I took up my appointment, I have carried these out in a happy atmosphere, largely owing to the courtesy and co-operation extended to me by the members of the Council and my fellow Officials, with whom it has been a pleasure to work.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

- (a) MILK. Inspections were carried out at the cowsheds as often as possible, and various minor infringements of the Milk & Dairies Acts and Orders were remedied by personal interviews or the service of informal notices.
- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. On and after the 15th January, 1941, all animals, the meat from which was intended for human consumption in the Bourne Urban and South Kesteven Rural Districts, were killed at Messrs. Mays' Slaughterhouse, Eastgate, Bourne, which was requisitioned by the Ministry of Food. Meat inspection was carried out there by me, with the assistance of the Bourne Meat Inspector, and the percentage of animals inspected of the total killed during 1940, was 99.9%, notwithstanding the fact that on many occasions it was necessary for us to be present at the slaughterhouse at 7 a.m. and late in the evenings. I visited the slaughterhouse on 345 occasions during 1940, and the details of the inspections are as follows :-

Animals inspected :-

Bulls.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Heifers.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
2	669	132	211	13	3175	1500	1027

As a result of such inspections, a total amount of 11 tons, 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. of unsound meat was voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

The following animals were inspected at the private slaughterhouses in the Rural District from the 1st to the 15th January, 1941, prior to the operation of the Government scheme.

Bullocks.	Cows.	Heifers.	Sheep.	Pigs.
18	9	23	112	87

and, as a result, 1 cwt. 36 lbs. of unsound meat was voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

TOTAL AMOUNT of unsound meat voluntarily surrendered and destroyed during 1940 :- 11 tons 4 cwts. 1 lb.

SALVAGE.

As a result of the National Emergency, a system of Salvage collection was instituted and much time has been given to this additional duty. Village depots were obtained with the co-operation of the Women's Voluntary Service and the Council's lorry visits the various village depots regularly, in most cases fortnightly, and monthly in the case of the smaller parishes.

Although the results have not been spectacular, I do feel, that, bearing in mind the fact that there was no system of refuse collection from any village before the war commenced, our figures compare most favourably with other rural districts in the country. It must also be stated that our returns do not include sales from the Village Dumps scheme, which is dealt

with by each Councillor directly with the Ministry of Supply. The returns of Salvage up to the 31st October, 1940, showed that our percentage of £10.7 per 1,000 population was exceeded by only four other rural districts out of 16 in Lincolnshire, and must give cause for satisfaction. Salvage efforts, however, must not be relaxed but must be intensified, and, although the housewives of South Kesteven have responded magnificently, I should like to see this area overhaul those districts "above us in the Salvage League".

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing here my sincerest appreciation and thanks, through Mrs.D.R.Lowther (County Organiser), to the Women's Voluntary Service for their untiring efforts in the cause of salvage. Their work, in this case not glamorous, proves definitely what can be achieved by voluntary effort and I look forward in 1941 to having their continued co-operation and increased salvage yields from each parish.

Details of salvage collected and sold during the **six months** from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1940, are as follows :-

Materials.	Weight.			Cash realised.		
	Tons.	cwts.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
1. PAPER, etc.						
(a) Newsprint.	2.	14.	80.	17.	7.	3.
(b) Kraft Browns.	1.	2.	50.	10.	10.	4.
(c) Strawboards.	10.	13.	56.	56.	0.	10.
(d) Magazines and Books.	4.	10.	110.	23.	1.	3.
(e) Mixed Waste.	10.	9.	14.	41.	16.	6.
2. BONES.	2.	3.	49.	6.	10.	3.
3. RAGS.		14.	92.	8.	3.	0.
4. SACKING.		3.	56.		7.	0.
5. CRUSHED TINS.	3.	12.	56.	4.	19.	8.
TOTALS :-	36.	5.	3.	168.	16.	1.

There were quantities of bottles, jars, aluminium and brass at the Salvage Depot at the end of the year and these were accumulating until there was sufficient for sale or until such time as the best market could be found for each.

FUEL & LIGHTING ORDERS, 1939-41. By my appointment as Local Fuel Overseer, a tremendous amount of extra work was thrown on my Department but I can state that the work entailed has been kept up to date and has progressed smoothly, even though much has had to be done out of normal office hours. No less than 835 letters had been sent up to the 31st December, 1940, in addition to thousands of circulars to coal merchants, returns to the necessary Government Departments, etc.

DRAINAGE. All complaints of nuisances arising from choked or defective drainage have been dealt with but many sewers are inadequate for their purpose. Watercourses in 18 parishes were roded and/or cleansed during 1940.

WATER SUPPLY. See the Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS. (Inspections).

Slaughterhouses	406	Infectious Disease Enquiries	47
Food shops, etc.	225	Disinfections, etc.	75
Cowsheds, Dairies, etc.	17	Visits re. Housing.	69
Drainage	177	Salvage	224
Fuel & L. Orders.	11	Miscellaneous San. visits.	241

Total number of inspections - 1492.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Walter A. Brown
Sanitary Inspector.